

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Regional Planning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 4, 2017
375 Beale Street, Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, California 94105

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pradeep Gupta, Mayor of City of South San Francisco, called the meeting of the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order at 1:07 PM

A quorum of the committee was present.

Committee Members Present

Jurisdiction

Thom Bogue	Mayor, City of Dixon
Mark Boucher	Bay Area Flood Protection Agency Association
Desley Brooks	Councilmember, City of Oakland
Monica Brown	Supervisor, County of Solano
Paul Campos	Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, Building Industry Association
Kathleen Cha	League of Women Voters--Bay Area
Cindy Chavez	Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
Julie Combs	Councilmember, City of Santa Rosa (Vice Chair)
Diane Dillon	Supervisor, County of Napa
Pat Eklund	Councilmember, City of Novato
Martin Engelmann	Deputy Executive Director of Planning, Contra Costa Transportation Agency
Pradeep Gupta	Mayor, City of South San Francisco (Chair)
Scott Haggerty	Supervisor, County of Alameda
Russell Hancock	President & CEO, Joint Venture Silicon Valley
Melissa Jones	Executive Director, Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative, Public Health
Jeremy Madsen	Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance
Nate Miley	Supervisor, County of Alameda
Karen Mitchoff	Supervisor, County of Contra Costa
Julie Pierce	Councilmember, City of Clayton (ABAG President)
Katie Rice	Supervisor, County of Marin
Carlos Romero	Urban Ecology
Mark Ross	Councilmember, City of Martinez
Al Savay	Community & Economic Dev. Director, City of San Carlos (Bay Area Planning Directors Association)
James P. Spering	Supervisor, County of Solano
Egon Terplan	Planning Director, SPUR

Members Absent

David Canepa
Tilly Chang

Michael Lane

David Rabbitt

Matt Regan

Gregory Scharff
Scott Sedgley
Monica E. Wilson

Jurisdiction

Supervisor, County of San Mateo
Executive Director, San Francisco County Transit
Authority

Policy Director, Non-Profit Housing Association of
Northern California
Supervisor, County of Sonoma (ABAG Vice
President)

Senior Vice President of Public Policy, Bay Area
Council

Mayor, City of Palo Alto
Councilmember, City of Napa
Councilmember, City of Antioch

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2017.

Chair Gupta recognized a motion by **Russell Hancock** and seconded by **Monica Brown** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the RPC on June 7, 2017.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Gupta asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the North Bay wildfires.

5. SESSION OVERVIEW

Ken Kirkey, Director of Integrated Regional Planning and Research Program, provided an overview of the meeting.

6. REPORT ON COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

Cynthia Kroll, Chief Economist and Assistant Director for Economic Development and Forecasting, and **Johnny Jaramillo**, Manager, Economic Program, Integrated Planning and Research Department, provided an update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), including the process of gathering Board of Supervisors endorsements of the CEDS vision, goals and objectives, and discussions to date on organization structure. They asked the committee members for their input on the organizational structure for the Regional Economic Development District (REDD).

In the question and answer exchange that followed, eleven members spoke. Their comments focused primarily on:

- the organizational structure of the proposed REDD and its relationship to MTC/ABAG;
- what kinds of tasks it might take on, and the relationship of these tasks to the Plan Bay Area 2040 Action Plan;
- provision for adequate stakeholder access to work planning to assure inclusion of specific concerns such as housing, health equity, and issues of concern to small businesses and smaller jurisdictions.

7. REPORT ON CASA - COMMITTEE TO HOUSE THE BAY AREA

Ken Kirkey, Director, Integrated Regional Planning Program provided an overview of CASA—the Committee to House the Bay Area—and the potential relationship of CASA to the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) and its Housing Subcommittee. CASA Steering Committee members, Julie Pierce, ABAG President, and Julie Combs, RPC Housing Subcommittee Chair, provided additional perspective. The RPC members were asked to give their input, especially with regard to the linkage between CASA and the cities/counties, for example through development of tools and technical assistance tailored to address region wide challenges and those unique to specific parts of the region.

In the question and answer exchange that followed, twelve members spoke, their comments addressing a wide range of related topics. Topics addressed by multiple speakers included:

- assuring strong linkage between CASA and the RPC, especially the RPC Housing Committee;
- enthusiasm for CASA developing tools and technical assistance to cities and counties that want to support resident protections, affordability preservation, and housing production, accompanied by numerous specific suggestions;
- tools for better understanding the factors that affect the economic feasibility of housing developments, based on actual project example;
- need for more gap-closing funding to accelerate stalled affordable housing developments;
- need for a greater diversity of housing types, especially for millennials and seniors;

- need for removal of disincentives for seniors to move and for heirs to sell or use vacant homes.
- encouragement for CASA to “aim high” for bold and innovative solutions capable of making a difference at the scale of the problem;
- appreciation for the three-priority framework of protection, preservation, production.

Public comments: Mr. Ken Bukowski

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gupta adjourned the Regional Planning Committee at 3:05 PM. The next meeting of the Regional Planning Committee will be on December 6, 2017.

Submitted:

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Date: November 20, 2017

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